

(rejected by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 292);

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Point of Order Sustained Against:

Saxton amendment that sought to stipulate that foreign states or agencies are not immune to U.S. property seizure or expropriation laws; and

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Morella amendment that sought to allow agencies to use appropriated funds to provide child care services for Federal employees.

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Withdrawn:

The Manzullo amendment was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funding to enforce certain information reporting requirements relating to Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits.

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Points of Order were sustained against provisions in the bill relating to:

Domestic staff expenditures of the Executive Residence; p. 28, line 1 through 11.

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Emergency expenses related to Year 2000 conversion; p. 37, line 10, through p. 38, line 14.

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Expenses to meet unanticipated needs of the President; p. 38, line 15 through 19.

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Various new construction projects; p. 42, line 3, through p. 44, line 10.

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Sec. 401 through Sec. 407, Sec. 409 through Sec. 411, Sec. 505, Sec. 509 through Sec. 513, Sec. 515, Sec. 516, Sec. 602, Sec. 604, Sec. 605, Sec. 608 through Sec. 611, Sec. 615 through Sec. 618, Sec. 621 through Sec. 627, Sec. 629, Sec. 634, Sec. 635, Sec. 638, and Sec. 644 through Sec. 647.

Pages H5671–72, H5675–76, H5683–87, H5690–94

The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of the bill.

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Steve Schiff Auditorium: The House passed H.R. 3731, to designate the auditorium located within the Sandia Technology Transfer Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the “Steve Schiff Auditorium” by a yeas and nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 294.

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Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to the House amendments to S. 318, to require automatic cancellation and notice of cancellation rights with respect to private mortgage insurance which is required as condition for entering into a residential mortgage transaction and to abolish the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board—clearing the measure for the President.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate appears on page H5637.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5738–39.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas and nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5650–51, H5668, H5669, H5716–17, H5717–18, H5718, H5718–19, H5721, H5722–23, and H5723–24. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:26 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation approved for full Committee action the Transportation appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS—RELIEVING REGULATORY BURDEN

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on proposals to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden on the financial services industry and streamlining the regulatory process. Testimony was heard from Representatives Metcalf, Kelly and McCollum; Laurence H. Meyer, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Julie L. Williams, Acting Comptroller of the Currency; and Carolyn Buck, Chief Counsel, Office of Thrift Supervision; Donna Tanoue, Chairman, FDIC; and public witnesses.

REWARDING PERFORMANCE IN COMPENSATION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on H.R. 2710, Rewarding Performance in Compensation Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources held an oversight hearing on Early Childhood Interventions: Public-Private Partnerships. Testimony was heard from Lincoln C. Almond, Governor, State of Rhode Island; and public witnesses.

U.S. AND RUSSIA: ASSESSING THE RELATIONSHIP

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. and Russia: Assessing the Relationship. Testimony was heard from Steve Sestanovich, Ambassador-at-Large, Office of the Special Adviser to the

Secretary For the Newly Independent States, Department of State; Paul Goble, Director, Communications Division, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Inc., USIA; and public witnesses.

U.S. AND KOREA—COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS OF RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia approved for full Committee action H. Res. 459, commemorating 50 years of relations between the United States and the Republic of Korea.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 3891, Trademark Anticounterfeiting Act of 1998; and H.R. 4090, Public Safety Act Officer Medal of Valor Act of 1998.

The Committee also approved private immigration bills.

COMMISSION TO ASSESS THE BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT TO THE U.S.

Committee on National Security: Held a hearing on the findings and conclusions of the Commission to Assess the Ballistic Missile Threat to the United States. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Commission to Assess the Ballistic Missile Threat to the United States: Donald Rumsfeld, Chairman; William R. Graham and Gen. George Lee Butler, USAF (Ret.), both members.

GREAT LAKES FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION ACT; OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1481, Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1997.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on Pilot Program to Control Non-Indigenous Species Nutria at the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Maryland. Testimony was heard from Glenn Carowan, Refuge Manager, Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Sarah Taylor-Rogers, Assistant Secretary, Department of Natural Resources, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—REGIONAL HAZE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Regional Haze. Testimony was heard from Janice McDougal, Associate Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry, Forest Service, USDA; John Seitz, Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, EPA; Don Matlick, Director, Smoke Management, Department of Forestry, State of Oregon; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3981, to modify the boundaries of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument; H.R. 4109, to authorize the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical Park; H.R. 4141, to amend the Act authorizing the establishment of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area to modify the boundaries of the Area, and to provide for the protection of lands, waters, and natural, cultural, and scenic resources within the national recreation area; and H.R. 4158, National Park Enhancement and Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich; Representatives Bateman, Fox of Pennsylvania, Bartlett of Maryland and Borski; Destry Jarvis, Assistant Director, External Affairs, National Parks System, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: H.R. 2161, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Palmetto Bend Project to the State of Texas; H.R. 3677, to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain works, facilities, and titles of the Gila Project, and Designated Lands within or adjacent to the Gila Project, to the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District; H.R. 3706, Clear Creek Distribution System Conveyance Act; and H.R. 3715, Pine Ridge Project Conveyance Act.

TEENAGE PREGNANCY—SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC COSTS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Empowerment held a hearing on the social and economic costs of teenage pregnancy. Testimony was heard from Val Stevens, Senator, State of Washington; and public witnesses.

SBA'S PROPOSED NEW AUTOMATED LOAN MONITORING SYSTEM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight held a hearing with respect to the SBA's Proposed New Automated Loan Monitoring System. Testimony was heard from Joel Willemssen, Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; the following officials of the SBA: John L. Gray, Associate Deputy Administrator; and Lawrence E. Barrett, Chief Information Officer; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION REQUESTS; GSA IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on the Status of the Court-house Construction Program, U.S. Mission to the United Nations Construction Request and comments on H.R. 2751, General Services Administration Improvement Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Judge Norman Stahl, Chairman, Security and Facilities Committee, Judicial Conference of the United States; Judge Ann C. Williams, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois; Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; and Ambassador A. Peter Burleigh, Deputy Representative to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations.

OVERSIGHT—STANDARDS FOR ADJUDICATING CLAIMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held an oversight hearing on the standards for adjudicating claims presented by veterans suffering from hepatitis C, cerebral malaria and Persian Gulf illnesses. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Teresa Wright, M.D., Director, Gastroenterology, VA Medical Center San Francisco; John Booss, Director, Neurology; Robert Epley, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration; and Nils Roberts Varney, Psychologist, VA Medical Center Iowa City; and representatives of various veterans organizations.

ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF BALANCED BUDGET ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Administration's Plan to Delay Implementation of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Senator Collins; Representative Pappas; Nancy-Ann Min

DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing Systems, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 17, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, closed business meeting, to consider the nomination of Daryl L. Jones, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Air Force, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief and Subcommittee on Housing Opportunity and Community Development, to hold joint hearings to review a report on the Real Estate Settlements Procedure Act and the Truth in Lending Act from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Federal Reserve, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

House

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing on H.R. 4062, Financial Derivatives Supervisory Improvement Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up H.R. 2281, Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to mark up a report on "Education at a Crossroads: What Works and What's Wasted in Education Today", 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing addressing the civil application of the Racketeering Influenced Corrupt Organization Act (RICO) to nonviolent advocacy groups, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Counternarcotics, 11 a.m., H-405 Capitol.